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Dear Dr. Joys:

I have been catching up on my correspondence since my return from an extensive trip to Japan and was happy to find your letter of May 14. Of course I recall the very interesting paper that you gave at the SGM and our discussion at the Lister. There are, of course, many exciting things still to be done with *Salmonella* flagella and I was especially interested to talk over some aspects of this work with Dr. Iino when we visited him. However, I am afraid that my reply to your letter must be tempered by two considerations, one, that we really are again full up in our assignments for the coming year and as far as my own laboratory is concerned, are now concentrating almost entirely on another genetic system, the DNA transfer in *Bacillus subtilis*. I am sorry not to be able to give you more encouragement, especially as I felt you were on to a very promising line of work with the serological variances. It is not inconceivable that something else may turn up that I have not taken account of, and should this happen I will, of course, get in touch with you.

TM Joys

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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mentioned also in lt to Dr. P. J. Edwards 6/13/62